

**Amendments to the Claims:**

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Amended) Vehicle headlamp provided with a metal halide lamp suitable as projection lamp, in particular ~~for instance~~ as a vehicle headlamp comprising a discharge vessel surrounded by an outer envelope with clearance and having a ceramic wall which encloses a discharge space filled with a filling comprising an inert gas, such as xenon (Xe), and an ionizable salt, wherein in said discharge space two electrodes are arranged whose tips have a mutual interspacing so as to define a discharge path between them, characterized in that said ionizable salt is selected from the group consisting of ~~comprises~~ NaI, TlI,  $\text{CaI}_2$  and  $\text{XI}_3$ , wherein X is selected from the group consisting of ~~comprising~~ rare earth metals.

2. (Amended) Vehicle head metal halide lamp according to claim 1, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of ~~comprising~~ Ce, Pr, Lu, Nd.

3. (Amended) Metal halide Vehicle headlamp according to claim ~~1 or~~ 2, wherein X is Ce and wherein the molar percentage ratio  $\text{CeI}_3/(\text{NaI} + \text{TlI} + \text{CaI}_2 + \text{CeI}_3)$  lies between 0 and 10%, in particular between ~~0.5~~ 0.5 and 7%, more in particular between 1 and 6.

4. (Amended) Metal halide vehicle headlamp according to claim ~~1, 2 or~~ 3, wherein X is Ce and wherein the molar percentage ratio  $\text{CaI}_2/(\text{NaI} + \text{TlI} + \text{CaI}_2 + \text{CeI}_3)$  lies between 20 and 90%, in particular between 35 and 85%, more in particular between 45 and 80%.

5. (Amended) Metal halide vehicle headlamp according to ~~any of the preceding claims 1 through 4~~, wherein the amount of NaI, TII,  $\text{CaI}_2$  and  $\text{XI}_n$  lies between ~~0,005~~ 0.005 and ~~0,5~~ 0.5  $\text{g/cm}^3$ , in particular between ~~0,025~~ 0.025 and ~~0,3~~ 0.3  $\text{g/cm}^3$ .

6. (Amended) Metal halide vehicle headlamp according to ~~any of the preceding claim s 1 through 5~~, wherein the filling comprises Hg.

7. (Canceled)